

PLO team arrives in Damascus

DAMASCUS (R) — A commission formed by Palestinian leaders in Tunis to resolve differences within the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) and between the commando group and Syria arrived in Damascus Monday. The 10-man team was formed recently by the central committee of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), which liaises between the PLO's Executive Committee, its top policy-making body, and the Palestine National Council (PNC) or parliament-in-exile. Its formation followed a split within Fatah, the mainstream commando movement, headed by PLO leader Yasser Arafat who was expelled from Syria in June after accusing the Damascus government of siding with rebels.

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Fighting erupts in Bekaa Valley

BEIRUT (R) — Clashes erupted in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley Monday night between rebels in Yasser Arafat's Fatah commando movement and supporters of the Palestinian leader, state-run Beirut Radio reported. It said the clashes involved heavy weapons but gave no further details. The Bekaa Valley is under the control of Syrian troops and has been the scene of inter-Palestinian fighting in a three-month-old rebellion against the policies of Mr. Arafat.

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Saddam receives message from Bangladeshi leader

BAGHDAD (R) — Iraqi President Saddam Hussein received a message Monday from Bangladesh chief martial law administrator, Lt.-Gen. Hossain Muhammad Ershad, dealing with ways to develop bilateral cooperation, the official Iraqi News Agency (INA) reported. It said the message was handed to the president by Bangladesh Labour Minister Aminul Islam, who arrived here last Tuesday for the first session of the Iraq-Bangladesh committee for economic and technical cooperation. Mr. Islam has also had discussions with officials of the Iraqi Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs on matters related to Bangladesh workers in Iraq.

Turkish prison hunger strikes continue

LONDON (R) — Mass hunger strikes by Turkish prisoners protesting against alleged maltreatment are continuing in a number of jails, a Turkish group said here Monday. The committee for the defence of democratic rights in Turkey said it was sending a mission including three parliamentarians from the British opposition Labour Party to Turkey next week to investigate prison conditions. The hunger strikes began last month when about 2,500 prisoners in four Istanbul jails, mainly political detainees, began refusing food to press for improved living conditions, political status and an end to beatings.

Qadhafi visits Tunis today

TUNIS (R) — Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi arrives in Tunisia Tuesday for talks on regional cooperation following moves towards unity by five north African countries. His two-day official visit, already delayed several times, remained in doubt because of illness afflicting Tunisian President Habib Bourguiba. Bourguiba, who celebrated his 80th birthday earlier this month, has been advised by his doctors to rest following a cold and a throat infection, an official announcement said Monday. Qadhafi's visit, made at his own request, follows recent moves by Algeria, Morocco, Libya, Tunisia, and Mauritania to give a new impetus to the 25-year-old dream of a United Maghreb. Tunisian sources said.

Japanese minister to hold talks with Gromyko

TOKYO (R) — Japanese Foreign Minister Shintaro Abe said Monday he had requested a meeting with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko next month to discuss strained relations between the two countries and other issues. He told reporters he wanted to discuss with Mr. Gromyko Japan's claim to four northern islands occupied by the Soviet Union at the end of World War II and to explain Tokyo's position on the current Soviet-U.S. talks to limit medium-range nuclear weapons. Mr. Abe returned to Tokyo Sunday from a tour of five Middle East and East European countries. The territorial issue has prevented the signing of a formal post-war peace treaty between Tokyo and Moscow. Tokyo also objects to the presence of an estimated 108 Soviet SS-20 missiles in the Far East which Moscow says have been deployed to counter U.S. nuclear weapons in the Asia-Pacific region.

European role in Mideast significant, says King

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein Monday stressed the significance of the European role in finding a just and lasting solution to the Middle East conflict.

King Hussein was speaking to the visiting West German parliamentary delegation headed by Mr. Hans-Juergen Wischnewski, deputy chairman of the West German Bundestag's (parliament) Foreign Relations Committee.

The King received the German delegation in the Royal Court and briefed them on the situation in the occupied Arab territories and arbitrary measures endorsed by occupation authorities against their residents.

The reception was attended by Royal Court Chief Ahmad Al Lawzi, and West German charge d'affaires in Amman. Earlier Monday National Consultative Council (NCC) Speaker Suleiman Arar, who received Mr. Wischnewski and his accompanying delegation, called on the European Community to adopt a tougher stance towards Israeli arbitrary measures in the occupied Arab territories, and its irresponsible stand towards peace efforts for the Middle East.

Mr. Arar pointed out that Europe bears a special responsibility for the current Middle East situation, and its role in creating the Palestinian problem should be sufficiently compensated for, through an active European role in favour of Palestinian rights.

Mr. Arar added that the situation in the region is highly inflammable, and to leave the whole thing in American hands is no more acceptable, as the Europeans should assume their moral responsibilities and refrain from

satisfying themselves with clumsy seasonal statements.

"European interest in the Middle East conflict seems to have faded out," Mr. Arar said, "and the European stance seems to have undergone considerable setbacks in favour of Israel."

"Even weak-hearted statements by the European Community supporting a comprehensive Mideast settlement are now emphatically blacked out due to Zionist pressure," the NCC speaker added.

Mr. Arar reminded the visiting delegation of the systematic intimidation by Israel of all peace efforts for the region, and pointed out that international effort for obstructing Israeli settlement measures is systematically intimidated by U.S. vetoes against United Nations Security Council resolutions.

He questioned the possibility of peace in the region while Israel continues its settlement and annexationist policies, adding that 53 per cent of the West Bank land has been expropriated by Israel.

Mr. Arar referred in his speech to Iran's aggression against Iraq, and said Iranian ambitions pose a threat to world peace and security through continued aggression against its Arab neighbours.

Commenting on the Middle East Mr. Wischnewski said that West Germany is particularly concerned with Middle East issues, the Arab-Israeli conflict and the Iran-Iraq war in particular. He pointed out that these problems endanger world peace and security.

unity. Europe has a great role to play in this concern, he stated.

The meeting at the NCC was attended by NCC Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Abdul Wahab Al Majali and a number of council members.

Mr. Wischnewski and the accompanying delegation met Monday with Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem. The two sides reviewed recent developments in the region in the light of the Lebanese situation. Mr. Qasem reiterated Jordan's firm support for Lebanon's unity, independence and sovereignty over all Lebanese territories.

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Later in the afternoon Mr. Wischnewski and the accompanying delegation were received by Minister of Information Adnan Abu Odeh.

The two sides exchanged views on the current Palestinian situation in the light of the recent developments in Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) ranks.

Mr. Abu Odeh reviewed with the visiting delegation Israel's settlement programme in the West Bank and the sufferings of the Palestinian people under occupation.

Mr. Abu Odeh then referred to obstacles in the path to Middle East peace according to U.N. resolutions, and dangers resulting from the continuation of the non-peace non-war conditions prevailing in the region.

Iraq says over 500 Iranians killed in attack

BAGHDAD (R) — Iraq said Monday its forces had inflicted heavy casualties on an Iranian force which launched a dawn attack Sunday east of the Iraqi border town of Zurbatiah, 160 kilometres east of Baghdad.

A military communiqué said the Iranians had lost over 500 dead and large numbers of wounded in the attack.

The communiqué said Iraqi helicopter gunships continued their raids Monday against Iranian positions in both the central and northern sectors of the Gulf war front, inflicting heavy losses in men and equipment.

It said Iranian artillery had shelled the southern oil city of Basra, causing damage to some civilian installations.

In Tehran the commander of Iran's ground forces, Col. Ali Sayyah Shirazi, was Monday quoted as saying Iran's recent Gulf war offensives would be the last stage of the three-year-old war with Iraq.

Papal visit ends amid religious fervour

LOURDES, France (R) — Religious fervour enveloped Lourdes Monday as Pope John Paul received the homage of the young and sick and preached an open-air mass to thousands of Catholic faithful.

As one of the final acts of his two-day pilgrimage to the shrines of the Virgin Mary, he knelt for several minutes in silent prayer at the Grotto where she is said to have appeared in 1858 to Saint Bernadette.

Church officials said the pontiff was seen by 300,000 people and expressed delight with the intensity of his reception. Police estimates were lower and put the numbers in the Pyrenean town at 180,000.

In a series of speeches and homilies to the clergy, nuns and ordinary Catholics, the pontiff preached a characteristically conservative message emphasising duty and obedience.

He suggested during mass that the current holy year should be recognised by the church as the 2,000th anniversary of the Virgin's birth.

There is at present no official date for Mary's birthday but she is believed to have been 17 when she gave birth to Christ, which would make 1983 an appropriate date for her anniversary.

The large throng of pilgrims contrasted with the relatively subdued greeting the Pope received when he arrived in Lourdes Sunday on the second visit to France of his pontificate.

His meeting with 20,000 young Catholics, waving banners and gold scarves in a vast underground basilica near the Grotto lasted for almost two hours, twice as long as scheduled.

His message was constantly interrupted by spontaneous outbursts of exuberant chants.

Afterwards the Pope mingled with hundreds of sick people drawn to Lourdes by its reputation for miracle cures following the reported visions of the Virgin.

France reportedly sends 2 more contingents to Chad

PARIS (R) — French television said two more troop contingents were leaving for Chad Monday from Paris and Nantes, western France, and a detachment had left their base at Vannes in southern Brittany Sunday night for N'djamena.

The Defence Ministry declined to comment on reports that France was sending more men to bring the total French force training beleaguered Chad government soldiers to 700.

The television said the fresh paratroopers would replace soldiers sent to instruct President Hissene Habre's 4,000-man army against Libyan-backed rebels in east and west Chad.

Defence Minister Charles Hernu said at the weekend that all the troops dispatched by France last week to help Mr. Habre's men under an operation codenamed "Manta" had now arrived in N'djamena. Military sources put the total at 500.

French troops in Chad have been ordered not to engage in fighting but their commander, Col. Bernard Massana, has said they will return fire if attacked.

The French are helping Mr. Habre's men to use sophisticated anti-aircraft and anti-tank weapons.

President Francois Mitterrand's administration is said by commentators to be reluctant to play a policing role in Africa but at the same time to be anxious that Libyan influence should not spread.

The newspaper Le Monde reported that France had four Jaguar strike aircraft at Bangui in the Central African Republic and four more at Niamey in Niger, both countries bordering Chad.

It also had half a dozen Mirage interceptor planes at Dakar, Senegal.

The French force in Chad was backed up by eight Transall transport planes, three Super-Puma transport helicopters, cannon, armoured cars, anti-tank missiles, jeeps and trucks, Le Monde added.



National Consultative Council (NCC) Speaker Suleiman Arar Monday briefs Mr. Hans-Juergen Wischnewski, deputy chairman of the West German Bundestag's Foreign Relations Committee and his accompanying delegation (Petra photo)

Saudi-sponsored envoy arrives as guns in Lebanon fall silent

BEIRUT (R) — A Lebanese businessman on a Saudi-sponsored mission to mediate between President Amin Gemayel and Druze leaders managed to land at Beirut Airport Monday though it has been closed by Druze militia.

While the guns were silent after days of Christian-Druze fighting around Beirut, diplomatic efforts to resolve the crisis in Lebanon intensified.

Official sources said U.S. envoys had reaffirmed support for Mr. Gemayel in meetings with Lebanese representatives. The Druze leaders have demanded the resignation of Prime Minister Shafiq Al Wazzan.

Saudi Arabia unexpectedly stepped into the crisis when businessman Rafic Al Hariri landed in a small plane, slipping past Druze gunners holding Beirut Airport under siege. He is on a special mission for King Fahd.

Diplomats said Mr. Hariri would hold talks with Mr. Gemayel and other officials to try and mediate between them and Druze leader Walid Jumblatt, who visited Saudi Arabia last week. U.S. backing for Mr. Gemayel appeared unlikely to persuade Mr. Jumblatt to end the threat against Beirut Airport, which his fighters kept closed for the sixth successive day.

Mr. Jumblatt says his troops, based in mountains overlooking the airport, will not allow it to re-open unless Mr. Wazzan resigns.

During the night Druze and Christian militias fought an artillery duel during which several people were killed.

Thousands of Lebanese are stranded abroad by the airport's shutdown and Lebanese embassies reported some were running out of funds.

But officials said the airport would not reopen without guarantees of safety from the Druze gunners.

Syria foiled U.S. strategy, says minister

DAMASCUS (R) — A Syrian government minister said Monday Damascus had foiled the U.S. strategy brought to the Middle East by special envoy Robert McFarlane.

Culture Minister Najah Al Attar, writing in the government daily paper Tishrin, said Mr. McFarlane, a former U.S. marine, had

come to the Middle East as "a military man entrusted with a political mission as cover."

Mr. McFarlane visited Damascus last week as part of a mission which the U.S. says is aimed at removing Israeli, Syrian and Palestinian forces from Lebanon.

He was named last month to replace previous Middle East envoy Philip Habib, who had earlier been refused entry to Syria.

In Monday's article, Dr. Attar wrote: "McFarlane's briefcase contains not only a political file but a military map as well. He presents one or the other, depending on the time and place."

He said there was no question of a guerrilla attack on the French position. Troops of the multinational force were attacked with small arms several times earlier this year by unidentified assailants.

Military sources said the legionnaire, who was not named, was apparently trying to dismantle the flare when it detonated.

Andropov planning major Soviet economic changes

MOSCOW (R) — Soviet President Yuri Andropov indicated Monday he was planning major changes in the Soviet economic system within the next two and a half years.

In a speech to Communist Party veterans Mr. Andropov criticised economic sluggishness and an inability to adapt or to take sufficient corrective measures.

"We cannot be satisfied with the pace of the transfer of the economy to the lines of intensive development," he said.

"It seems that in looking for ways to resolve new tasks we were not vigorous enough, that not infrequently we resorted to half-measures and could not overcome

the accumulated inertia fast enough. Now we must make up for what we have lost."

These comments echoed a secret discussion document, prepared by an economic study group and mysteriously leaked to the Western press two weeks ago, which described the Soviet economy as stagnating for the past four decades.

Mr. Andropov said Monday last time had to be made up by changes in planning, management and the economic mechanism. "We are obliged to make such changes in order to enter the new five-year period so to say fully armed," he added.

Nkomo expected back in Zimbabwe today

HARARE (R) — Veteran Zimbabwe opposition leader Joshua Nkomo is due home Tuesday after 160 days in self imposed exile and faces an uncertain future in the country he helped to independence.

Josiah Chinamano, Vice President of Nkomo's ZAPU Party, said the 66-year-old politician, who left on March 8 for neighbouring Botswana saying he feared for his life, would arrive on an early morning Air Zimbabwe flight from London.

Mr. Nkomo arrived in Britain on March 13 from Botswana via South Africa and received temporary permission to remain in London. The British Home Office extended his residence permit for a year last Friday.

Mr. Nkomo's first task will be to defend his seat in parliament. The government has tabled a motion in the House of Assembly demanding his removal as he has been absent for 21 consecutive sittings, constitutional grounds for dismissal of any member.

He also returns to a party in disarray after widespread violence in the southwestern province of Matabeleland. ZAPU's power base.

Government spokesman John Tsimba said that as far as Prime Minister Robert Mugabe's administration was concerned the return of the man often called the father of Zimbabwe was a low-key affair.

Mr. Tsimba said that although police had been investigating accusations against Mr. Nkomo of alleged currency offences before he left, there was no question of his being arrested on arrival.

If there were any further investigations, he said, they would take place while Mr. Nkomo was at liberty.

The alleged possible offences date from February when Mr. Nkomo was stopped trying to leave the country for Europe via south Africa. He was said to have been carrying cash and gems which he had not declared to customs.

A vote on the motion to remove Mr. Nkomo from parliament has been postponed twice because the ruling ZANU-PF Party failed to gather sufficient members in the house in order to secure a victory.

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MIDDLE EAST

Turkish prime minister to stand in elections as right-wing candidate

ANKARA (R) — Turkish Prime Minister Bulent Ulusu said Monday he will stand in general elections set for Nov. 6 as a candidate for the right-of-centre Nationalist Democracy Party (NDP).

He told a press conference his decision would not effect the neutrality of his government, appointed after the 1980 military coup.

The NDP, set up in May, is headed by retired Gen. Turgut Sunalp and is widely regarded here as having the backing of the military regime.

It is one of several new parties running for the elections which will restore an elected parliament. The generals have abolished all pre-coup parties and banned hundreds of former politicians from the new political order for up to 10 years.

Mr. Ulusu, himself a retired admiral, said members of the present government were free to accept invitations from new parties to become parliamentary candidates for them.

"That is why, on the invitation of the chairman of the NDP, I will enter the elections from the list of his party."

But he said members of the government would not actually join political parties, in order to protect their neutrality as ministers.

Neutrality remains

He was at pains to deny suggestions that his candidacy for the NDP would compromise the government's neutrality.

"Until the elections, the government will carry out its work in neutrality. Let no-one dispute the neutrality of the government," he said.

The remark appeared to confirm that he would not resign before the poll, but he made no direct reference to this.

Mr. Ulusu said he expected five or six members of the cabinet to stand as parliamentary candidates, but declined to say which ministers or what parties they would link with.

According to press reports, the ministers most likely to do so are Finance Minister Adnan Baser Kafoglu, Defence Minister Haluk Bayikmen and Deputy Prime Minister Ilhan Oztrak, all expected to join the NDP.

Speculation has surrounded Mr. Ulusu's political intentions for months, with reports of him having secret meetings with various party figures.

Before Monday's press conference he held his first public meeting with Gen. Sunalp.

New parties have until Aug. 25 to register 30 founding members and set up local organisations in at least half of the country's 68 provinces, to qualify to contest the elections.

Only 2 parties

So far only the NDP and the right-wing Motherland Party led by former Deputy Premier Turgut Ozal, have met the conditions.

Three other main contenders, two from the moderate left and one from the right, have yet to satisfy both conditions.

The left-of-centre Populist Party has had the required 30 founders approved by the generals, but has only organised in 23 provinces.

The Social Democratic Party has organised in 52 provinces but has had dozens of prospective founders vetoed, including its original leader, and still needs two more founders to qualify.

On the right, the Correct Way Party is in a similar position to the Social Democrats. Nine other smaller groups have met neither condition and one party was abolished by the regime.

The generals have vetoed hundreds of prospective party founder members though only a handful from the NDP. They will also exercise a veto over all parliamentary candidates.

They say they want only two or three parties in parliament and have made it clear they will only tolerate moderates and supporters of military rule.

Leftists on trial

ISTANBUL (R) — Istanbul martial law authorities Monday opened a court case against 38 alleged leftist militants, saying the death penalty would be sought for five of the accused and jail terms of up to 30 years for the rest.

The authorities said the 8 included an unspecified number involved in two separate incidents in March and June in which four policemen died in midnight gun battles with guerrillas.

The accused were charged with belonging to a pro-Albanian group called the Turkish Revolutionary Communist Union (TIRKPU), one of many far-left underground groups active before the 1980 military coup the authorities announced.

Charges against them ranged from murder to spreading communist propaganda, they said.



PARLEZ VOUS FRANCAIS: A Chadian boy wears a T-shirt adorned with the portrait of Chadian President Hissene Habre as he stands with his young friends and a group of French par-

atroopers in a street in N'djamena, Chad. Some 500 French troops were dispatched to Chad to back up Habre's government. (A.P. wirephoto)

Expatriates pose problems to Gulf

By John Kohut

BAHRAIN (R) — An influx of expatriate workers which began 10 years ago has caused social and legal problems in Gulf states and growing concern over the long-term effects of a life-style largely dependent on foreign labour.

Some Gulf officials say the large foreign community, which in Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Qatar outnumbers the local community, threatens the customs, values and even security of Arab society.

Since the early 1970's when the Gulf states used their oil wealth to launch ambitious development programmes, millions of people from poorer Arab and Asian countries have made their way to the area lured by the prospect of high wages.

Some are highly-trained professionals, but most work as manual labourers or in service industries in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the UAE, Bahrain, Oman, Qatar and Iraq.

While many are able to save large amounts of cash, a significant minority are not so fortunate.

"Almost every day we get complaints from workers saying their employers don't keep to their contracts," a Bahraini labour ministry official told Reuters.

Unaware of rights

Third World diplomats said that although Gulf states were firm with unscrupulous employers, many expatriate workers were either unaware of their rights or afraid to make formal complaints.

"If you complain, what do you get? The salary owed to you and an air ticket home," said one Sri Lankan who has lived in Bahrain for four years.

"Some people sell their property and pay recruiting agents one thousand, may be \$2000 to get them a job in the Gulf. The last thing they want is to leave," he added.

Unable to switch jobs legally without receiving a release letter from original employers, some workers put up with strict employers.

Others abscond to escape tough work conditions or because they find higher wages elsewhere. Almost every day, at least one Gulf paper carries the photograph and passport number of an expatriate who has disappeared from his workplace.

In Bahrain the problem was provoked an official crackdown on expatriate workers who lack proper documents and on employers who hire them.

Truant foreign workers, once tracked down, are returned to their sponsors, helped to find other jobs or deported, depending on the labourer's reasons for running away.

Pakistan anxious

Pakistan, anxious to discourage illegal activities which might disrupt relations with Gulf countries and the steady flow of remittances from nationals working abroad, blacklists and sometimes jails workers reported for deserting employers without good reason.

Earlier this year the UAE, where over 80 per cent of residents are foreigners, introduced a law requiring foreigners to leave the country for at least six months before being allowed to change employers.

Dubai's deputy director of immigration and naturalisation, Abdullah Hareb, was quoted recently by the English-language daily Emirates News as saying the law was designed to end corrupt pra-

ctices, including "illegal snatching" of labour.

"Some sponsors even traded in the visas under the old rule which allowed an expatriate to change sponsorship from the original employer for payment of a fee," he said.

In addition to trying to stop what has apparently developed into a black market for labour and work papers, officials are looking at the less obvious costs of employing so many foreigners.

Bahrain's Labour and Social Affairs Minister, Sheikh Khalifa Bin Sulman Bin Muhammad Al-Khalifa, told Reuters there was a need for expatriates in jobs of a seasonal nature.

But he said relying on foreigners in the operational and maintenance stages of projects "is a worry because it is continuous."

Drain on services

He said this posed a problem because those who stay for long periods eventually want to bring their families, creating "a drain on services at large."

A 1981 World Bank report said that because Middle East labour-importing countries subsidised food, fuel, water and electricity, the real cost of foreign workers was much greater than their wages.

Gulf states are striving to train their nationals to reduce the need for expatriate labour.

The number of expatriate workers coming to Gulf states is expected to fall off because of a slowdown in development, programmes following a drop in oil revenues.

But diplomatic sources said Gulf states were drawing out rather than cancelling development projects, and they expected no dramatic decrease in the total expatriate population.

Morocco to hold Sahara referendum

RABAT (R) — Moroccan Foreign Minister Mohamed Boucetta said Monday Morocco was ready to hold a referendum in the Western Sahara by the end of the year.

He told the daily L'Opinion that Morocco was standing by the resolutions of the Nairobi and Addis Ababa summits of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU).

Polisario guerrillas have been fighting Morocco over the Western Sahara for more than seven years.

The OAU Addis Ababa summit called in June for a self-determination referendum to be held by the end of the year, and for direct talks with the view of arranging a ceasefire.

Morocco rejects direct talks with the Polisario guerrillas whom it describes as mercenaries in the "pay of foreign powers."

Mr. Boucetta said he was surprised that an OAU special commission, entrusted with implementing the Western Sahara resolution, had not yet met to set a definite date for the referendum.

He said King Hassan assured an OAU delegation that Morocco was ready to work in the framework of this commission.

The delegation's visit to Rabat last month coincided with a flare-up in the desert war after an 18-month lull.

Saudi envoy arrives in UAE

ABU DHABI (R) — Saudi Arabia's Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal arrived in Abu Dhabi Monday on the third leg of a Gulf tour which has already taken him to Oman and Qatar.

Officials said he was expected to see United Arab Emirates (UAE) President Sheikh Zaid Bin Sultan Al-Nahyan later Monday to discuss bilateral relations and latest developments in the area.

Prince Saud's tour precedes a scheduled Gulf Cooperation Council ministerial meeting in the Saudi summer resort of Taif on Aug. 22, which is expected to discuss political and economic developments in the region.

Yemeni aide leaves Bahrain

BAHRAIN (R) — North Yemeni Foreign Minister Ali Lutfi Al-Thori left Bahrain for home Monday after two days of talks with Bahraini leaders, official sources said.

He delivered a message from President Ali Abdullah Saleh to the emir, Sheikh Isa Bin Sulman Al-Khalifa, and discussed bilateral relations and current Arab affairs with the emir. Sheikh Hamed Bin Isa Al-Khalifa, the sources added.

Pakistani opposition says Karachi rally a victory

ISLAMABAD (R) — Leaders of Pakistan's banned political parties claimed to have won the first round in a new campaign against six years of military rule after a surprisingly large turnout at protest rally in Karachi.

Police fired teargas to break up clashes between protesters and up to 15,000 government supporters in the port city Sunday, Pakistan's 36th independence anniversary.

The opposition Movement for the Restoration of Democracy (MRD) said about 20,000 demonstrators attended the Karachi rally at the start of the campaign against military ruler Gen. Mohammad Zia Ul Haq.

MRD sources said more than 200 protesters had been arrested in Karachi and further acts of civil disobedience, such as refusal to pay taxes and possibly more protests, would follow.

"We have won the first round," Fatehyab Ali Khan, leader of the Masdoor-Kissan (workers and peasants) Party, told journalists after the Karachi protest.

Gen. Zia, who said on Friday he would hold general elections by March 1985 and then lift martial law, played down the protests at a press conference Sunday.

He said people had a right to express their views, adding: "If anyone tried to disrupt law and order and create confusion, for

them we have a different treatment."

Relatives said MRD Secretary General Khwaja Khairuddin and MRD acting President Abid Zubair were arrested after the Karachi protest and MRD sources said Farooq Leghari, secretary general of the powerful Pakistan People's Party (PPP) of executed former Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, was arrested in Lahore.

They said protesters in Rawalpindi pelted police with rocks after they pushed another PPP leader, retired Gen. Tikka Khan, into a police van as he tried to address a crowd.

Opposition sources reported baton charges by police against demonstrators in Peshawar, on the northwest frontier with Afghanistan, and Sukkur and Badin in Sind Province.

MRD sources said they were pleased with the Karachi turnout but admitted strong police contingents had kept activity in Lahore, Peshawar and Rawalpindi under control.

Gen. Zia, who took power in 1977 after toppling Mr. Bhutto's elected government, started the day with a nationally-televised speech promising a year-long drive against corruption and new Islamic courts to provide quick and cheap justice for the common man.

Mubarak raps internal squabbles among Arabs

CAIRO (R) — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak Monday condemned internal strife among Arabs and called for a break in "the vicious circle of destruction and bloodshed."

In particular he criticised the conflict among members of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

"This disarray diverts them from liberating their land and achieving peace," the president said.

Speaking to a conference of expatriate Egyptians at Cairo University, Mr. Mubarak also implicitly criticised Syria for refusing to pull out of Lebanon and so clear the way for an Israeli withdrawal from all Lebanese territory.

"What more is needed to revive Arab awareness and sound the alarm bells for all Arab states?"

Mr. Mubarak asked. "The Arab objective in Lebanon is... to get Israeli forces out of the country."

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CBS NEWS	
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CULTURAL CENTRES	
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MUSEUMS	
Folklore Museum: Jewelry and costumes over 100 years old. Also mosaics from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 18th centuries). The Roman Theatre, Amman. Opening hours: 9.00 a.m. - 5 p.m. Year-round. Tel. 51760.	Jordan Archaeological Museum: Has an excellent collection of the antiquities of Jordan. (Jabal Al Qal'a (Clayd Hill)). Opening hours: 9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. (Fridays and official holidays 10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.). Closed Tuesdays.
Jordan National Gallery: Contains a collection of paintings, ceramics, and sculpture by contemporary Islamic artists from most of the Muslim countries and a collection of paintings by 19th Century orientalist artists. Mounting: Jabal Lowell. Opening hours: 10.00 a.m. - 1.30 p.m. and 3.30 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. Closed Tuesdays. Tel. 30124.	Military Museum: Collection of military memorabilia dating from the Arab Revolt of 1916. Sports City, Amman. Opening hours 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Closed Saturdays. Tel. 664240.
CHURCHES	
St. Joseph Church (Roman Catholic): Jabal Amman, Tel. 24500.	Church of the Annunciation (Roman Catholic): Jabal Lowell. 37440.
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Anglican Church (Church of the Redeemer): Jabal Amman, 41559.	Armenian Catholic Church Ashrafieh. 71331.
Armenian Orthodox Church Ashrafieh. 75261.	St. Ephraim Church (Syrian Orthodox): Ashrafieh. 71751.
Armenian International Church (Inter-denominational): meets at Southern Baptist School in Shmeisani, 663249.	
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HOME NEWS

Iraq, Jordan sign trade document

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan and Iraq Monday signed an extensive trade agreement on the conclusion of a ten-day visit by an Iraqi trade delegation headed by Chairman of the Iraqi Consumer Corporation Abu Taleb Abdul Mutaleb Al Hashimi.

The trade document, including several trade protocols, was signed at the Ministry of Industry and Trade by ministry Under-Secretary Mohammad Saleh Al Hourani on the Jordanian side, and by Mr. Hashimi for the Iraqis.

The signing ceremony was attended by Amman Chamber of Industry Director Ali Al Dajani and members of the Jordanian and Iraqi teams.

The document referred to the "fruitful outcome of the visit by the fraternal Iraqi delegation."

which has led to the strengthening of economic cooperation between the two countries. It also referred to the expansion of trade ties following the talks between the visiting Iraqi delegation and the minister of industry and trade and ministry and private sector representatives.

The delegation's visit has included contacts with 102 Jordanian companies, and the signing of contracts with them to the value of 4,211,098 Iraqi dinars.

The Jordanian and Iraqi sides agreed to follow up the implementation of the contracts in addition to scheduling future specialised contacts to promote economic cooperation and boost the volume of trade exchanged between the two countries.



Representatives from the Iraqi and Jordanian governments Monday sign a document encompassing a number of trade agreements between their two countries (Petra photo)

Dudin cables pan-Arab agri body with proposals

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Agriculture Marwan Dudin sent a memo to the director-general of the Arab Organisation for Agricultural Development (AOAD), based in the Sudanese capital, on the organisation's programme for the coming year.

The memo tackled the issue of the storage of food stuffs on a pan-Arab level in compliance with food security policies at the national level, and the study of production and consumption trends through joint Arab coordination.

The memo called for a technical feasibility study of a development project for the Wadi Al Arab (Arab Valley) basin in northern

Jordan, and for the preparation of a draft document for the establishment of a laboratory to classify viruses that attack fruit trees in particular and other trees found in the region in general.

The memo also called for the technical and economic consideration of a project to set up a national park in Jordan.

With regard to seminars and specialised training courses, the Jordanian memo proposed the holding of a course on bee breeding, and another on statistical techniques and ways of implementing them to monitor more closely the successes of economic development.

Queen tours Jerash events

AMMAN (Petra) — Queen Noor, chairperson of the Jerash Festival Higher National Committee, Monday toured the stalls and exhibitions at the festival.

The Queen also watched performances and productions included in festival programme. The handicrafts, folklore and national

dress sections were among the sections the Queen visited.

Queen Noor later reviewed, along with festival executive committee President Adnan Badran and festival Director Mazen Al Armouti progress on the forthcoming activities.

Festival has attracted up to 20,000 so far, says committee chairman

AMMAN (J.T.) — Between 15,000 and 20,000 people have visited the Jerash Festival over the past three days, according to Dr. Adnan Badran, chairman of the festival's executive committee.

He said in a statement that the committee had received calls from the public asking for the extension of the duration of the festival beyond Aug. 20.

A great number of people have enjoyed the different cultural performances presented by local troupes and those from as diverse places Kuwait, North Yemen, Scotland, Tunisia and India, he said. The careful organisation of the festival and the highly professional performances are encouraging more and more people to come, Dr. Badran said.

Referring to the delay in the performances by Lebanese singer Fairouz, Dr. Badran said that the security situation in Lebanon and the closure of Beirut International Airport have delayed the arrival of the popular singer.

But, he said, Fairouz will sing

Friday and Saturday instead of the dates previously announced. Dr. Badran said that the book exhibition area at the festival had been visited by streams of visitors, and some academic and scientific institutions have already placed orders for many of books on display at the exhibition.

The discount offered on these books is encouraging visitors to buy them, Dr. Badran added.

Today, the festival features the Jordanian Army Band the Sardinia Folklore Troupe and the Tunisian Popular Arts Troupe in the Forum. The South Theatre features the Salzburger, Stierwacher — Austrian Folklore to be followed by a performance of "Sleeping Beauty" by a company from the USA and the Chinese Haiy'o Acrobatic Troupe.

The one change in the official programme is that the Algerian Folklore Troupe will be unable to appear on the Artemis Steps and their place will be taken by the Yemeni Folklore Troupe. They will be preceded by a rendition of

Cabinet withdraws bill for rewriting NCC debates contentious new draft nationality law

By Afifah A. Kaloti
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The new draft nationality law was at the fore-front of the discussions of the National Consultative Council (NCC) in its weekly session Monday.

The NCC, in its first session back from the summer recess last week, started to discuss the draft nationality law which empowers the cabinet to grant Jordanian citizenship to Arabs who have been living in Jordan for 15 consecutive years upon the recommendation of the Minister of the Interior.

The new nationality law also stipulates that those obtaining Jordanian nationality should give up their previous citizenship, on condition that the laws of the applicant's country permit such a change.

However the session, presided over by NCC Speaker Suleiman Arar and attended by Prime Minister Mudar Badran, began with the government's reply to a proposal submitted by Ali Abu Irbeia.

Mr. Abu Irbeia, an engineer, proposed that the Marj-Al Hamam road be linked with the Madaba-desert motorway by a crossroad at the village of Billa.

The suggested project will be reviewed by the annual meeting which reviews road building pri-

orities, a spokesman for the Ministry of Public Works said. It will be attended by the appropriate ministers, the administrative committee and the directors from the Ministry of Public Works.

Regarding the draft nationality law, NCC member Mrs. Aida Al Mutlak stated the discussion by commenting on the proposed new law. She said: "I respect the necessity for an official body to take the appropriate decisions in granting nationality but I think the automatic right to citizenship after 15 years enshrined in the present law should be retained."

Mrs. Mutlak pointed out that 15 years of residency in the country indicates that the applicant does not constitute any security threat.

Substantiating her statement, Mrs. Mutlak said that the present conditions for the renewal of a residency permit for non-Jordanians includes the stipulation that the resident should be of no harm to the security of the country.

Mrs. Mutlak also agreed that the cabinet should have the right to grant or refuse Jordanian citizenship provided that the app-

licant's right is preserved.

NCC member Mamdooh Al Abbadi stated that Jordanian citizenship should be granted by the government only and should no longer be a right despite pan-Arab nationalistic ideals.

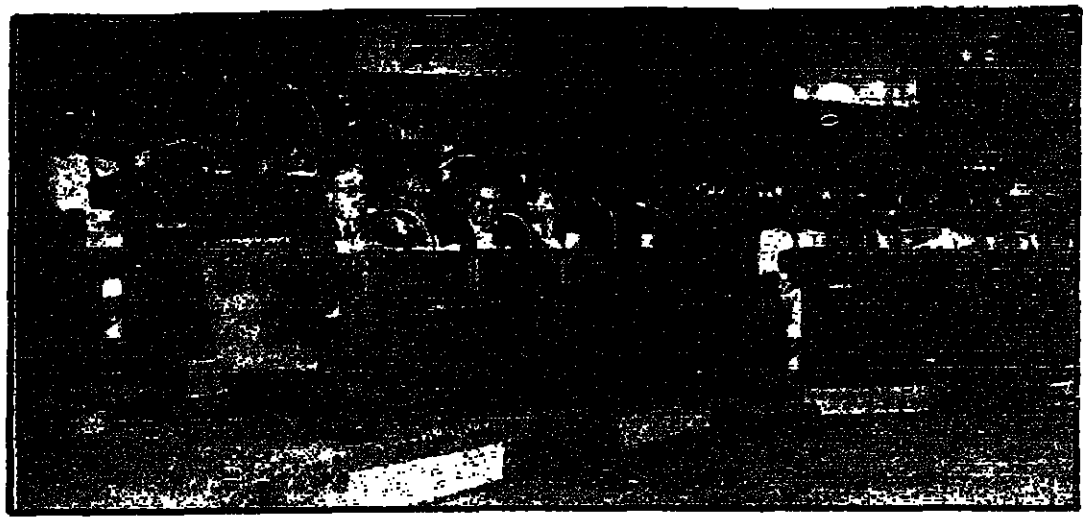
Dr. Khalil Al-Salem emphasised that the Jordanian authorities should have the right to grant or refuse nationality.

Commenting on the clause which relates to giving up the applicant's previous citizenship, Dr. Salem urged that the Jordanian law should not be based on the laws of other countries. "If a decision is taken to grant Jordanian nationality, I do not see any justification for relating the decision to the laws of the applicant's country of origin."

Mr. Mohammad Ali Budeir called for the preservation of the applicant's right to apply for Jordanian nationality provided that it is the cabinet's ultimate responsibility to grant or refuse citizenship.

Mr. Mifteh Al-Lozi said: "Logic, reality and justice requires us to accept the draft law and give the government the right to accept or refuse any application for the nationality."

He pointed out that the country is passing through a critical stage with many dangers threatening its security, and "we should not ask the government to expose the



Prime Minister Mudar Badran speaks during the debate Monday at the National Consultative Council on the new draft nationality act (Petra photo)

country's security to danger with excuses of ideal ideas abhorred by our surroundings."

Both Mr. Faris Sarayrah and Mr. Ali Abu Irbeia also supported the government's new nationality law.

Dr. Jamal Al-Sha'er believed in the importance of finding a balanced equation between pan-Arab emotions and the reality of the situation.

"In these outstanding circumstances we should be more realistic and practical," he said.

Dr. Al-Sha'er objected to the granting of Jordanian nationality to Arabs on the recommendation of the Ministry of Interior, instead believing that the decision should go directly to the cabinet.

He said that it should be struck from the text of the draft law so as not to leave the decision open to the ministry's discretion.

NCC member Issa Remoni objected to Dr. Sha'er's call and said that the ministry's role is very important. He also said that the laws in most other countries rel-

ated to this subject are the ministry's concern.

Mr. Taher Hikmat backed up Mr. Remoni's objection, and said that if the ministry does not play a part "it will hamper work on applications for it is vital that a government office receive the applications in order to save time."

Mr. Hikmat pointed out that if the Jordanian law is based on other countries' laws, it will strengthen the international relationship between states and will result in reciprocal treatment.

Commenting on the NCC members' remarks, Mudar Badran pointed out that, after postponing consideration of the draft law, the government has re-examined the draft law in the light of the provisions of international law regarding the concept of citizenship acquired through nativity, and naturalisation.

International law draws a distinct line between the two, as it considers citizenship acquired through being a native citizen an initial right, while citizenship ac-

quired by a foreign citizen through naturalisation is citizenship attained. Mr. Badran added.

Looking at the current law, we have found out that the two concepts are referred to indiscriminately. Mr. Badran went on.

He then proposed that the draft law should return to the government for rephrasing according to international law clarifications. He said that would then be referred back to the NCC for discussion.

At the end of the NCC session, the council agreed to send the draft law back to the government for re-writing.

Prime Minister Mudar Badran on the conclusion of the session called on the NCC Agricultural Committee to speed up the submission of its recommendations on agricultural policy discussed by the council before the summer break.

NCC Speaker Suleiman Arar then proclaimed the session adjourned until next Monday.

Deans fix intake quota

AMMAN (Petra) — The University of Jordan board of deans has fixed the new intake of students to be admitted to the university for the 1983-84 academic session at 2140. The board has also fixed the number of those to be admitted to post-graduate studies at 352.

Bank loan will asphalt roads

MADABA (Petra) — The Cities and Villages Development Bank has approved a JD 45,000 loan to Gharnata village council in Madaba District. The money will be used to finance the asphalt of roads in the town. The bank also announced Monday its approval of a JD 80,000 loan to the Graineh village council in the district of Madaba for a similar project.

Jordan to get Swiss dried foods factory

AMMAN (R) — An agreement to set up a dried foods factory was signed Monday with a specialised Swiss firm at the Industrial Development Bank (IDB).

The project aims to produce soup, stock cubes, sweets and other foods to meet local and regional Arab needs. The project is said to be the first of its kind in the Arab World and is going ahead after technical and feasibility studies carried out by the IDB.

A public shareholding company will be established to implement the project in which the IDB, the Pension Fund, the Social Security Corporation and other local institutions will hold shares while the remaining shares will be floated for purchasing by the public.

The agreement was signed on behalf of the founders by IDB Director-General Zeyad Innab and for the Swiss firm by its director-general.

Stock exchange board axes extra commission

AMMAN (Petra) — The Amman Financial Market's board of directors Monday decided to discard the additional commission imposed on the purchase and sale of stocks in both the regular and par-

allel markets and accruing to stock brokers. The additional commission rate of 0.35 per cent has been effective since February last year. The decision becomes effective from Tuesday.

Indonesia is trying to increase trade with Jordan, Middle East, says Yasni

By Salameh B. Neumat
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — An Indonesian trade delegation arrived here last week and held a press conference Sunday on the current state of Jordanian-Indonesian trade relations at the Regency Palace Hotel in Amman.

Heading the delegation, Mr. Yasni, chairman of the coordinating team on the Middle East at the Ministry of Trade in Indonesia, said at the press conference that the purpose of their visit is "to enhance trade relations between the two countries."

The delegation, Mr. Yasni said, met Mr. Walid Asfour minister of Trade and Industry as well as Mr. Marwan Ousem minister of Foreign Affairs and discussed with them methods of improving trade relations between the two countries.

Jordan, Mr. Yasni said, has become one of the most important sources of imports to Indonesia —

we imported 150,000 tons of phosphates from Jordan last year alone. We have inaugurated our Triple Super Phosphate (TSP) fertilizer factory in Indonesia, to refine the imported rock phosphate," he added.

The Islamic Chamber of Trade conference held in Jakarta last year, which was attended by 42 members representing 36 Islamic countries — including Jordan, displayed Indonesia's intention to improve its trade relations with the Middle East, he said.

In order to balance our imports with our exports we are trying to increase our exports of wood products which includes plywood, sawn timber, ready made windows and doors, and other commodities like coffee, tea, palm oil, ready made garments and canned foods which will be exported to Jordan as well as other Middle Eastern countries.

Since March 1981, IND-OMELS shipping company of Indonesia, has employed a cargo

ship which makes a monthly trip to Aqaba — and we are planning to increase the number of shipments in the future, Mr. Yasni added.

An Indonesian trade fair will take place in Amman in the last week of October at the Regency Palace Hotel displaying our different commodities and goods for potential export to Jordan, he added.

Mr. Yasni also said that negotiations have taken place with Mr. Ahmad Chalabi, general director of the Petra Bank in Amman, in order to open the letters of credit needed in each trade transaction in coordination with Bank Nigara Indonesia BNI for foreign exchange.

Mr. Garnawan Dharmaputra, the ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia who also attended the conference, said that Indonesia is also interested in exporting manpower to Jordan though no agreement on that has yet been reached with the Ministry of Labour in Amman.

Exhibition displays the works of true craftsmen

By Anne Counsell
Special to the Jordan Times

JERASH — Visitors to the Jerash Festival cannot fail to notice the delightful myriad of crafts colourfully displayed amongst the stones and pillars around the terrapylon area where the east and west colonnades meet. The exhibition, organised by Yarmouk University's Dr. Othman Malhas and his committee, consists of approximately 30 small wooden shops and includes a wide range of crafts from Jordan and the West Bank.

However, this is not just an exhibition of wares, the participants are craftsmen in the true sense of the word, and only by watching them at work can the visitors appreciate fully the techniques and labour that make the final product. Abu Esau, for example, has been a weaver since 1944 and is more than happy to demonstrate and explain the history and skills of his craft. Prior to my fascinating afternoon with him, I thought that carpets were simply woven on a loom without realising the complexity of it all. The material used is either wool or camel hair which is first treated and spun before dying and then weaving.

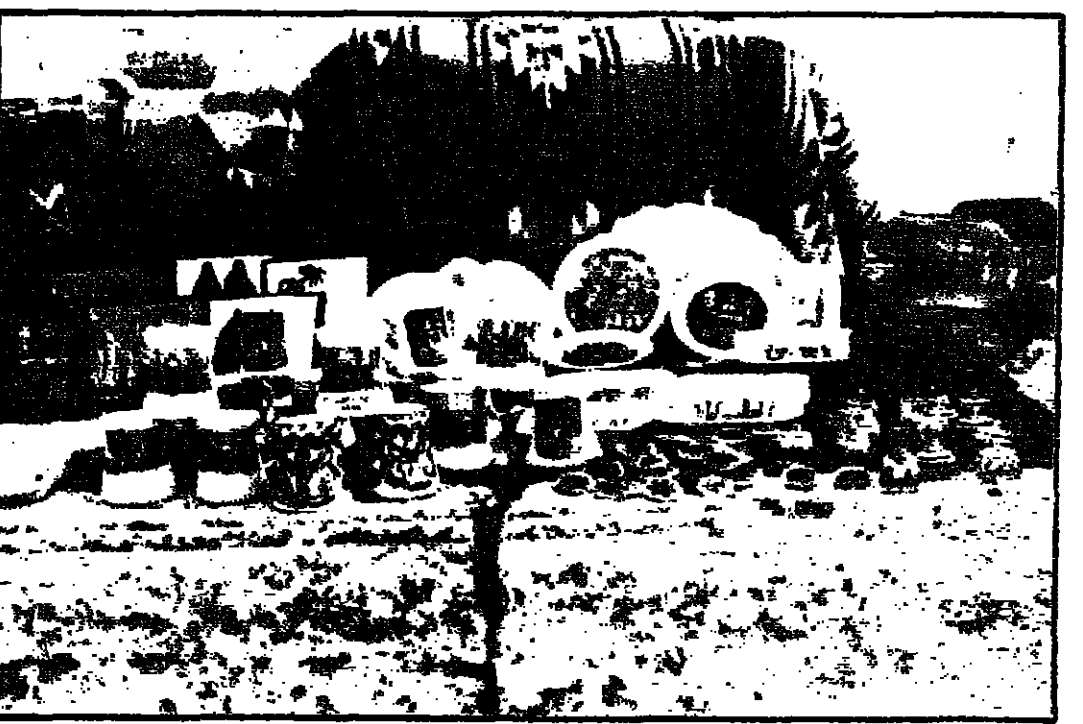
The beautiful colours were traditionally obtained from natural dyes such as saffron, indigo, curcumin and cactus but are now mostly chemical. The type and size of the loom is another factor determining the character of the carpet: upright looms operated by a man are used to produce the intricate geometrical designs whilst ground looms, operated by women, produce long rugs in a striped pattern. Sitting on the ground with Um Khalid I discovered that pulling the fibres together with a hand tool is not only hard work but also time consuming.

The silversmith, Esia Azgot

from Jerusalem, is another fascinating character to watch. Using fine tools, resembling those of a surgeon, he creates individual and intricate jewellery all by hand. Filaments of molten silver are twisted around semi-precious stones such as agate, topaz, and amethyst to produce beautiful pieces of art based on traditional designs from the area. An elaborate belt takes two weeks of work, whilst a brooch 3 or 4 days. He has been practising his trade for 42 years and has an impressive display of over 3,000 pieces of jewellery.

Basma Khalid a member of the committee who works with the Museum of Popular Traditions, said that all the crafts have existed for hundreds of years, and that they originated to manufacture utensils, furniture, decorations and clothes using raw materials locally available. For instance, the art of straw — basket making began in Jordan between 400 and 600 years ago when the villagers twisted fibres of straw and wound them into circular, flat baskets by securing the bars of fibres with a needle and thread. The baskets were then used for collecting fruit and eggs, storage, displaying kitchen utensils and decoration.

In Bethlehem, mother of pearl has been used for 500 years to inlay furniture, boxes and jewellery using materials from the Far East. The cutting of the shell is done underwater using the instruments before it is inlaid into either wood or metal. The Holy Land Handicrafts co-operative society is presenting a lovely display of these products together with ornate olive wood carvings and embroidery reflecting Jordanian and Palestinian traditions. Many of the craftsmen at this exhibition have been taught by their fathers or grandfathers and their trade is an established and



Some of the pottery, wood and cloth handicrafts on display at the second Jerash Festival currently being staged in Jordan (Photo Anne Counsell)

they have managed to produce 2,700 pieces for the exhibition.

The clay is bought from local brick manufacturers, sifted by hand, soaked in water for two days before being shaped into crockery or ornaments by hand. The objects are baked in a kiln and then hand-painted with both traditional and modern designs. Their extensive collection includes figurines, ornaments, teapots, crockery and commemorative mugs of the Jerash Festival.

The presentation of crafts varies from simple straw mat weaving and stone masonry, to very ornately carved coffee — grinders made of olive wood, intricate embroidery and elaborate brass work. In addition traditional foods

and sweets for sale. As a welcome and unusual change from fizzy drinks visitors can sample 'sous', made from a dried powdered plant of the same name. It is served from a large brass urn by a colourful character in red breeches and jerkin who makes his presence known by banging together a pair of brass cymbals.

The Craft Exhibition is a delightful and interesting show but there is unfortunately insufficient space to mention all the participants. I can only suggest that visitors look for themselves and not just pass by the exhibition with a glance at the wares displayed outside. Dr. Malhas and the craftsmen are more than willing to provide information to anyone who is interested.

Indian community marks 36th Independence Day

AMMAN (J.T.) — A large gathering of members of the Indian community living in Jordan Monday celebrated the 36th anniversary of the Indian Independence Day.

The Indian ambassador to Jordan, Pyare Lal Santoshi, marked the formal opening of the celebrations at his residence by hoisting the Indian national flag and leading the crowd in singing the national anthem.

Mr. Santoshi also read out an Independence Day message from Indian President Zail Singh which stressed the need to preserve the Indian national unity, regardless of culture, religion or language.

and called for democratic dialogue to find solutions to internal crises. It also reminded the Indians of their responsibilities in shouldering the burden of quickening the pace of national progress and to work in unison.

A short music programme by members of the Parvatiya Kala Kendra, an Indian dance and music troupe currently in Jordan to participate in the Jerash Festival, crowned the simple ceremony.

Monday evening the Parvatiya Kala Kendra staged a performance at the Ministry of Culture and Youth hall in Jabal Luweideh.

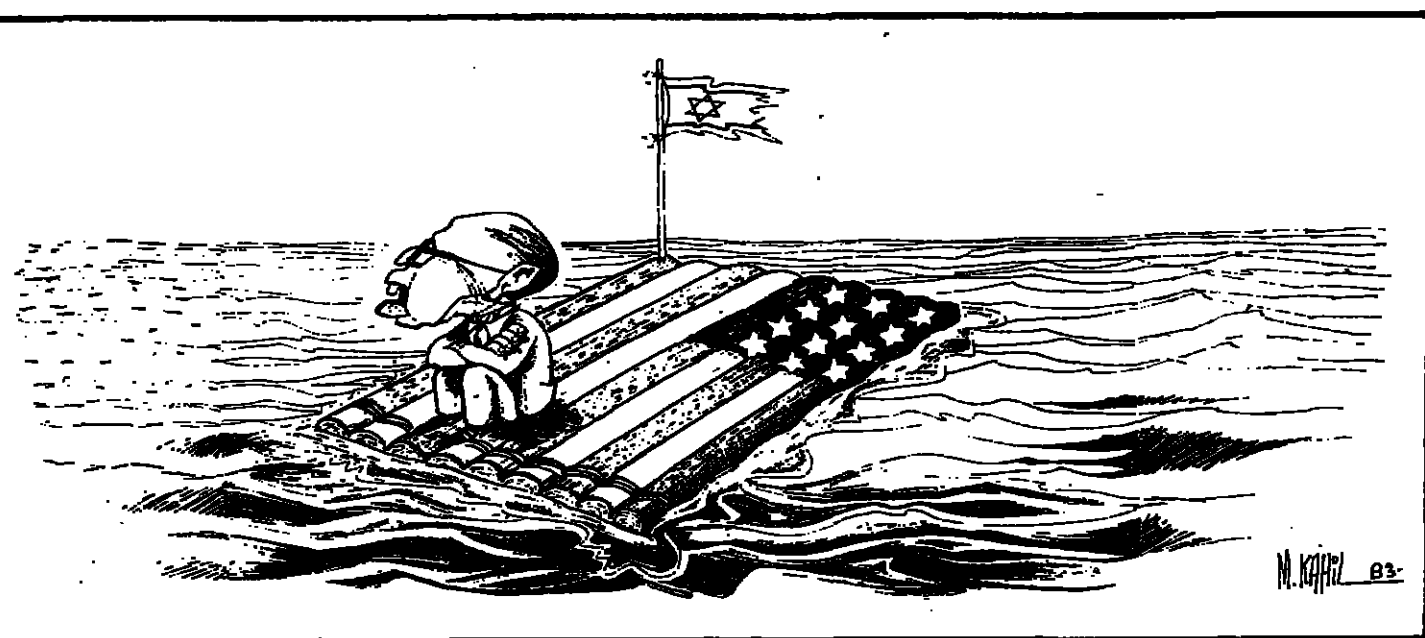
Personnel training programme climaxes

AMMAN (Petra) — An eight-day training programme for employees in the personnel departments of Jordanian and Kuwaiti companies, industrial concerns and financial and trade institutions ended in Amman Monday.

The programme, in which 23 participants took part, was held at the Institute of Public Administration. It comprised lectures on planning human resources, recruitment, worker specialisation and other related topics.

Liberia's foreign minister was quoted as saying that the isolation of Israel does not help promote the cause of peace in the Middle East. Of course this development exposes the Arab countries' failures on the African scene and comes in the wake of Libya's intervention in Chad. Above all it reflects the African countries' frustration with the Arabs who are unable to formulate a coherent and united political strategy.

The fragile voices of moderation and peace within Israel might grow if they were nourished from abroad — from the Arab World, from Palestinian quarters, from Jewish communities abroad, and from major Western and Third World governments. To neglect the nascent Israeli peace camp is to neglect one of the few real possibilities to unblock the stalemate and the cycle of violence and extremism that defines the Arab-Israeli arena today. If there is a middle ground on which Arabs and Israelis can agree and start to build a basis for genuine co-existence, it behooves us all — Arabs, Israelis, Palestinians, Europeans, Asians, Africans, North Americans — to foster it and nurture it, and thus forever wipe away the horrible vision of fathers who lose their sons and then preach the gospel of eternal conflict and violence.

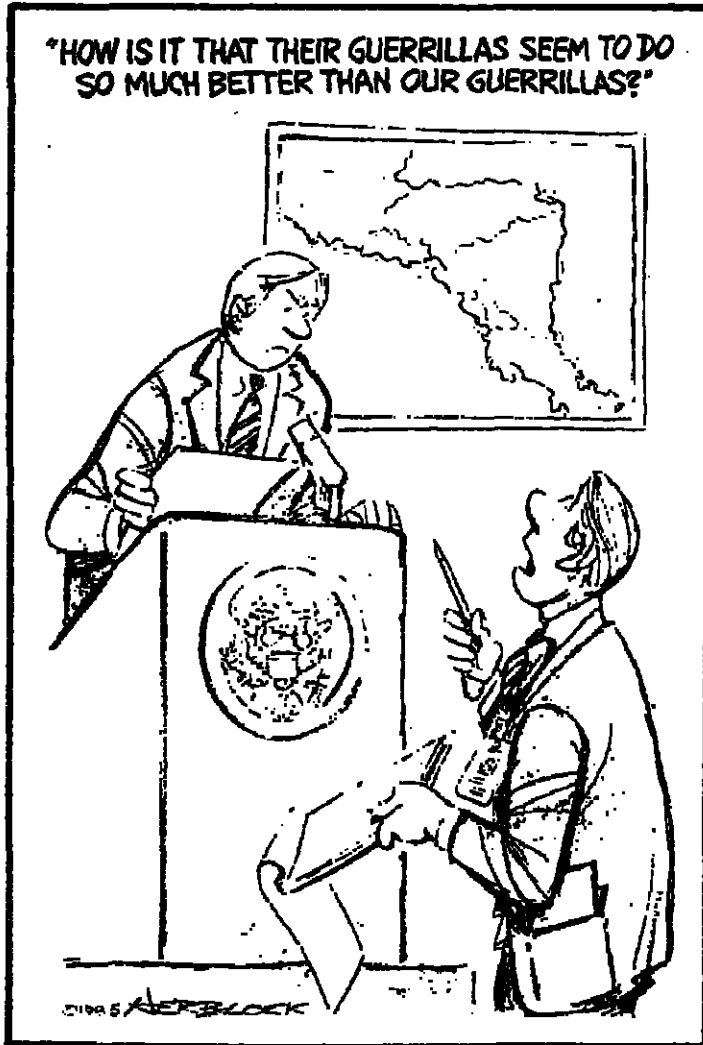


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WCC General Secretary Philip

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Kirkbride-Helbaek ends 8th season of excavation works

Beidha's enigmas still unresolved

Text and photos
By Rami G. Khouri
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Twenty-five years after she began her excavations at the 9000-year-old Stone Age village site of Beidha, in south Jordan, Mrs. Diana Kirkbride-Helbaek has returned and completed her eighth and last season of work there — with a few of the ancient village's enigmas still unresolved.

She first discovered Beidha and started digging there in 1958, only three years after she had been assigned by the Jordanian Department of Antiquities to clear the paved Roman road inside Petra. During her free time at Petra in 1955, she and her workers from the area would go out on walking trips in the surrounding countryside, looking for evidence of Stone Age occupation, such as ashly soils, flints or bones.

A find of some fine arrowheads one day was traced back to the Beidha area, where she immediately spotted the obvious remains of house walls sticking out of the edge of the wadi that lies immediately on the western side of the ancient village.

Early architecture

During seven seasons of excavations between 1958 and 1967, Mrs. Kirkbride-Helbaek pat-

nastikingly rolled back layer after layer of earth and human construction to reveal one of the world's most important records of early architectural evolution. By 1967, when excavations had to stop in the aftermath of the June War, the dig team has documented six successive stages and styles of house-building spanning a period of about 500 years, roughly between 7000 B.C. and 6500 B.C., according to Carbon-14 dating techniques. This puts Beidha squarely into the Pre-Pottery Neolithic B (PPNB) period, the approximately 1000 years spanning the 7th Millennium B.C., when humankind was making the long, slow transition from nomadic or semi-nomadic hunter and picker of wild plants, to a more settled, village-based lifestyle based on animal domestication and plant cultivation. (This also places Beidha several hundred years earlier than the PPNB village of Ain Ghazal, in Amman, where last month was discovered a spectacular collection of sun-dried clay statues and human figures dating from 6250-6000 B.C.)

In fact, Mrs. Kirkbride-Helbaek's team documented some even earlier human "dwellings", in the form of campsites and "semi-permanent hut shelters with hearths and post-hole areas, which were probably the work of the pre-village Neolithic people who built Beidha but who may

have been just looking around at that stage for a suitable location."

Even earlier remains from the late Natufian period of the 9th and 10th Centuries B.C. were documented in some parts of the site. These included a pit with stones lining the floor. The late Natufian levels also produced beads, stone tools, enormous hearths and only a little bone material. No Natufian human burials were ever found at Beidha, though several Neolithic human burials were excavated.

The six different levels of the PPNB village revealed distinctly different styles of house construction.

Level 1, the uppermost and latest level from around 6000 B.C., was badly preserved because of erosion and disturbance caused by terracing during the Nabatean period. This level included the remains of small rectangular houses with plastered floors.

Levels 2 and 3, from around 6600 B.C., included large, single-room houses with plastered floors and steps at the entrances, and some long, rectangular buildings divided by corridors into six smaller rooms with unplastered walls.

These "corridor houses" are thought to be crafts workshops, because of the kind and amounts of materials found in each room.

Level 4, dating from around 6700 B.C., included the best built structures, typically rectangular houses with curving walls and

rounded corners, plastered floors and walls, and interior fireplaces.

Level 5, from around 6800 B.C., showed houses with circular walls with plastered floors and walls.

Level 6, from around 7000 B.C., included some of the earliest Neolithic houses found anywhere in the world. These are circular in plan, with postholes spaced every 30-50 centimetres in the walls and the floor, whose posts would have been connected to a large central post in the middle of the building. The interior walls, ceiling and floors of these "post houses" were plastered.

Between 1967 and 1982, Mrs. Kirkbride-Helbaek was unable to return to Beidha to complete her dig, because of professional and personal obligations that kept her in Iraq and Europe for all those years. In 1982, however, she reactivated the Beidha excavations, and in April of this year she returned to the site for a two-month season — a quarter of a century after she first investigated it in 1958.

Enigmatic "sanctuary"

Her aim this year was to investigate more closely the precise role of the "sanctuary area" she had uncovered about 50 metres east of the village site. This peculiar area of basins, standing stone slabs and paved enclosures had always defied categorisation. Mrs. Kirkbride-Helbaek also wanted to dig a trench between the sanctuary area and the village, to make sure she did not miss anything important that may have existed between them.

This year's excavations at the sanctuary area produced no new clues as to its function. Several squares in and around the area produced only pre-village Neolithic material, thereby confirming that this area was contemporary with the Neolithic village of Beidha. Mrs. Kirkbride-Helbaek had thought that the sanctuary area might produce some burials, but it did not.

The trench that was dug between the sanctuary area and the Neolithic village also turned up little conclusive material — except for a large Nabatean stone wall that cut through the edges of some of the Neolithic village houses and



Mrs. Diana Kirkbride-Helbaek (third from left, front) shows visitors to Beidha some of the many grinding stones that were excavated.

separated the village from the sanctuary area.

Two beautiful houses from the level 4 period were uncovered at the eastern edge of the Neolithic village.

No further excavations can take place at Beidha now without destroying the existing Neolithic village houses that have been revealed, and Mrs. Kirkbride-Helbaek insists that the ancient village with its rare architectural evolutionary record must be preserved in its present state.

She may return to the site once again just to recheck some points or clean up areas of the Neolithic village, but no further digging will take place, she says.

The ancient village is being fenced off by the Department of Antiquities to protect it and preserve its unique contribution to our knowledge of one of humankind's earliest experiments in domestic architecture.

Mrs. Kirkbride-Helbaek has worked at Beidha in cooperation with the Department of Antiquities and Yarmouk University and under the sponsorship of the British Institute at Amman for Archaeology and History. Her

work in 1983 was funded by the British Academy, the Society of Antiquaries (London), The British Museum, the Wainwright Fund (Oxford University), the Ashmolean Museum (Oxford), the Manchester University Museum and the British School of Archaeology in Jerusalem.



Part of the mysterious "sanctuary area" of Beidha, with its paved enclosures, large stone slabs and standing stones.



A modern visitor to Beidha stands down on the floor of a circular "post house" dating from around 7000 B.C. Post holes are clearly visible behind her.

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Lendl beats Jarryd, wins Canadian Open

MONTREAL (R) — Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia beat Anders Jarryd of Sweden 6-2, 6-2 with his booming serve and superb array of ground strokes on Sunday to win the Canadian Open Tennis Championship.

Jarryd, ranked 83rd in the world, reached the final by defeating ninth-seeded Elliot Teltscher, seventh-seeded Vitas Gerulaitis and top-seeded John McEnroe, but was no match for Lendl, seeded second.

Lendl, who won the event in 1980 and 1981 but lost to Gerulaitis in last year's final, received \$61,000 for the victory while Jarryd took home \$30,600.

Lendl watched Jarryd beat McEnroe in Saturday's semi-final and said the Swede did not play as well against him.

"He was having a few ups and downs today," he said. "I tried to keep up with him when he was up and tried to take advantage of his mistakes when he was down. I think I did that pretty well."

Lendl appeared on his way to an easy victory when he broke Jarryd's service in the opening game of the match after four deuces.

But Jarryd slammed a forehand down the sideline to go up 15-love

on Lendl's serve and hit a two-fisted backhand just inside the baseline to go up 30-love. He allowed Lendl just one point before leveling at 1-1.

Lendl promptly broke Jarryd's serve again to take a 2-1 lead and got his own blistering service working to take game four in two minutes.

Lendl broke his opponent's serve four times in the first set and made the pivotal break in the second when Jarryd's service totally deserted him in game three. Jarryd double-faulted twice, including once at game point to fall behind 2-1.

Jarryd, who said after he beat McEnroe on Saturday that he was surprised to reach the final, was at a loss to explain why he served badly.

"I wasn't nervous. I just don't know why my first service didn't fall in more," he said. "At any rate, beating Teltscher, Gerulaitis and McEnroe, that's enough for me."

In the doubles final, Ferdi Taygan and Sandy Mayer beat another American pair, Tim and Tom Gullikson, 6-3, 6-4.

Taygan and Mayer split \$21,600 while the Gullikson twins received \$10,800.

Navratilova trounces Lloyd

MANHATTAN BEACH, California (R) — Top-seeded Martina Navratilova trounced Chris Evert Lloyd Sunday to win the \$150,000 Los Angeles Women's Tennis Championship in straight sets.

In a surprisingly easy victory, she beat Lloyd 6-1, 6-3, and took only 58 minutes to collect the \$27,000 first prize.

The tournament was regarded as a preview of the U.S. Open to be played later this month, establishing Navratilova as an odds-on favourite to win the U.S. Championship, a title which has always eluded her.

Even Evert-Lloyd, after accepting a \$14,000 cheque for her efforts, admitted that Navratilova was pulling away from her.

"This was our third meeting this year and I haven't won a set yet," she said, "so I guess you could say the gap is widening."

Navratilova, four times a Wimbledon Champion and the Los Angeles title holder, forced Lloyd into errors in the first set, broke her service three times and quickly opened up a 5-0 lead. The match

was so one-sided at this point that when Lloyd finally held service the crowd responded with prolonged clapping.

The second set was much like the first, with Lloyd holding serve in the opening game but then losing it twice to fall behind 1-4 after five games.

Navratilova then held her service to take a 5-1 lead and it looked as if the end was near. But then Lloyd held serve for only the third time in the match, winning the game by forcing Navratilova to hit a forehand into the net.

Lloyd's finest moment came when she broke Navratilova to pull up to 3-5.

Then the left-handed Navratilova took over, breaking Lloyd at love on more forced errors and it was all over.

Later Navratilova said she was surprised that Lloyd did not come into the net more. But Lloyd had an explanation for this.

"I kept trying to come in," she said, "but Martina hits the ball so deep I just didn't have a chance to."

Argentina protests against U.S. tennis players at Panamerican Games

CARACAS (R) — Argentina is to protest to organisers of the ninth Panamerican Games, which opened here Sunday, that three members of the U.S. tennis team are professionals, according to Argentine tennis team chief Hector

Pistelli. Pistelli told Reuters that Eric Korita, Gretchen Rush and Louise Allen were members of the Professional Tennis Players' Association (ATP) and "They are thus ineligible to play in the Panamerican Games."

Lewis, greater than 'The Greatest'

HELSINKI (R) — Carl Lewis' talent shone so brilliantly at the first World Athletics Championships that an awed fellow-metallist classed him greater than "The Greatest", Muhammad Ali.

Lewis dominated his events so conclusively it seemed almost charitable of him to restrict himself to three gold medals in the 100 metres, long jump and 4 x 100 relay.

The 22-year-old Houston University student was by no means the only star in the most glittering array of athletes assembled since political boycotts took their toll on the Olympics which followed the 1972 Munich Games.

Maria Kock took four medals home to East Germany. Britain's Steve Cram won a memorable 1,500 metres, American Ed Moses continued his reign as the 400 metres hurdles king and British

ton Daley Thompson confirmed he is the world's greatest all-round athlete.

But the manner of Lewis' triple triumph set all who saw it searing for superlatives — and his fellow competitors were among the most euphoric.

"Carl Lewis is without a doubt the greatest athlete in the world of all time. He's got to rank much higher than Muhammad Ali," said fellow American Steve Scott, the 1,500 metres silver medallist.

Lewis scorched home in the 100 metres final with a searing burst of speed which left world record-holder Calvin Smith far behind, and there is little doubt a fourth gold was there for the taking if he had chosen to run the 200 which Smith won on Sunday.

But it was on Wednesday that Lewis provided the most dramatic

few minutes of the week-long championships when he settled the long jump with one huge leap then virtually deserted the competition to anchor the U.S. sprint squad to victory.

The U.S. quartet clocked 37.86 seconds to shave 0.17 seconds off the six-year-old world record set by another American squad, with Lewis storming through in an astonishing split time of 8.90.

That was the American's last appearance on the track, and the championships never quite reached the same heights again. Even the weather, which had been hot and sunny all week, turned cold and wet.

But if Lewis was the most spectacular individual performer among the 1,572 athletes from 157 countries who took part, he went out of his way to emphasise he was part of a team.

"It was the first time I could stand on the podium see our flag and hear our anthem," said Lewis, who set a trend among the U.S. team by waving a stars and stripes flag on the victory rostrum.

It was a far cry from the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City when U.S. athletes Tommie Smith and John Carlos donned black berets and offered clenched fist "black power" salutes when they received their medals.

The Americans, for all the sprinting excellence of their men and a magnificent double in the 1,500 and 3,000 metres by Mary Decker, had to yield to East Germany at the top of the medal table.

East Germany's incomparable women athletes won eight gold medals — the same number as the whole U.S. squad — and their men added two more through javelin thrower Detlef Michel and 50 kilometres walker Ronald Weigel.

"Without the women we would be nothing. In sport worth half as much, in athletics maybe a quarter," East German commentator Heinz Florian Oertel wrote in Monday's Berliner Zeitung.

The East German women were magnificent, winning half the titles at stake, and Koch ended up with more medals than anyone — Lewis included.

Koch, a 26-year-old medical student from Wismar, gained three golds — in the 200 metres and two relays — and a silver behind fellow-east German Marlies Goehr in the 100.

But, sadly for track enthusiasts, there was no showdown between Koch and Jarmila Kratochvilova, the powerful Czechoslovak who demolished all opposition in the 400 and 800 metres.

Kratochvilova broke Koch's 400 metres world record with a time of 47.99, erasing the 48.16 mark the East German set when she beat the 32-year-old Czechoslovak into second place in last year's European Championships.

Koch is set to return to her classic 400 metres distance at next year's Olympics in Los Angeles but she has concentrated on sprints this season to build up her speed. The nearest she got to a duel with Kratochvilova here was in Sunday's 4 x 400 metres relay, though they ran different legs.

The only women's titles to elude the East Europeans were the Decker double of 1,500 and 3,000 metres, the well-earned marathon win of slender Norwegian Grete Waitz and the javelin in which crowd favourite Tiina Lillak staked all on a huge last throw to bring the Finnish hosts their one gold medal.

The men's titles were spread more broadly, though the Americans won every event up to 400 metres and East Europeans won all the field titles except the long jump which fell, inevitably, to Lewis.

No winner was classier than the bearded Moses whose majestic long-striding action lost none of its regal style despite a flapping shoe-lace which worked loose as he made a nonsense of any challenge.

Thompson was the supreme all-rounder in the decathlon. Italian Alberto Cova took the 10,000 on the line with a breathtaking late run, Ireland's Eamonn Coghlan had the speed to kill off the opposition in the 5,000 and rugged Australia Rob de Castella strengthened his status as marathon king.



Carl Lewis... Dazzled all at World Championships

Cram emerged triumphantly from the shadows of fellow-Britons Steve Ovett and Seb. Coe with a comprehensive victory in the 1,500 metres which will not make it easier for the two others when they defend their Olympic crowns next year.

But their were sadder sighs, too, as past and present world record-holders Alberto Juantorena of Cuba, Sara Simeoni of Italy and Evelyn Ashford of the U.S. crashed out injured and ended the championships on stretchers.

Australia II breaks boom but wins America's Cup trial

NEWPORT, Rhode Island (R) — The crew of Australia II, favoured to challenge the U.S. yacht in the America's Cup finals, repaired a broken boom Monday in time to sail and win in challenger's semifinals.

The Australia yacht beat Italy's Azzurra in her second race in the semifinals by three minutes and 20 seconds.

Australia II broke her boom 11 and a half minutes before the starting sequence against Azzurra. The crew disconnected the broken

boom, installed a new one, raised the mainsail and were ready to go a minute and a half before the warning gun was fired.

The emergency work took place with while the yacht bounced around on rough seas kicked up by a 20 mile an hour easterly wind on Rhode Island sound.

In the other race Monday, Britain's Victory 83 won by default when Canada I was forced to drop out with a broken rudder bearing. Canada I had trailed Victory 83 by 29 seconds at the second mark

before abandoning the race.

Canada I is due to sail against Azzurra on Tuesday and Victory 83 faces Australia II.

The British and Australian boats are level in first place in the semifinals with two wins and no defeats.

In the controversy over Australia II's winged keel, the manager of the American Freedom Syndicate denied Australian charges that the Americans tried to obtain a winged keel and only lodged a protest against it when they failed.

The keel is the subject of a row involving the Australian Yachting Federation, the International Yacht Racing Union and the New York Yacht Club which claimed its measurement meant that Australia II was not a legal 12-metre boat.

The U.S. Yacht Racing Union has also asked the international body for a ruling on whether Australia II's keel was fairly rated under the 12-metre measurement rule.

England crushes New Zealand in 3rd test with day to spare

LONDON (R) — England, with their fast bowlers exploiting a pitch of unpredictable bounce, crushed New Zealand by 127 runs with a day to spare in the third cricket test at Lord's here on Monday.

England's victory on the fourth day to go 2-1 ahead in the four-match series was spearheaded by pacemen Bob Willis, Norman Cowans and Ian Botham, who between them snatched up six wickets as New Zealand, needing 347 to win, were all out for 219.

New Zealand, having swept aside England's last three second innings wickets for five to dismiss them for 211 Monday morning, were undermined as the ball lifted disconcertingly at one end and occasionally ripped a piece out of the surface.

Jeremy Coney provided the major resistance with the top score of 68, while all-rounder Richard Hadlee struck a typically defiant and belligerent 30. Bruce Edgar made a gritty 27.

But after Botham made the initial breakthrough by dismissing John Wright for 12, skipper Willis, whose three for 24 included the important wickets of Geoff Howarth and Hadlee, and Cowans used the spiteful conditions to seal New Zealand's fate.

New Zealand, having started on a high note when Hadlee and Ewen Chatfield took England's last three wickets in 21 deliveries, needed a solid start in their bid to accomplish an immensely difficult task.

Skipper Howarth admitted afterwards that he thought 347 was beyond their reach, and though he committed his side to battling last by putting England in, the touring team might reasonably have expected a more trustworthy pitch.

Botham, whose match haul of five wickets and 61 in the second innings indicated a return to true form, denied New Zealand a good opening when he had John Wright caught behind for 12 by Bob Taylor — his 150th test catch.

Willis had Howarth also caught at the wicket without scoring as he failed to get behind the line, and New Zealand were 17 for two.

Edgar resisted with characteristic determination and put on 40 with Crowe, who became the first of Jamaican-born Cowans' victims in rapid succession after lunch. Edgar was the other as the touring team plunged to 61 for four.

Coney, who responded to Cowans' burst by lashing him for three

consecutive fours, lifted the total to 108 with Gray before left arm spinner Nick Cook, the first innings hero with five for 35 on his test debut, returned to the spotlight.

Gray played a ball from Cook onto his boot and it lobbed to silly point where Allan Lamb picked up his sixth catch of the match.

Hadlee, who was missed by Mike Gatting off Neil Foster before he scored, carried the attack to the bowlers and hammered Cook for 16 in one over.

But Willis brought himself back shortly before tea and kept England firmly on course for success by bowling Hadlee for 30 with a delivery which kept low and trapping John Bracewell lbw for four.

New Zealand, 158 for seven at that stage, prolonged the end until the final session in which Coney, who batted 152 minutes, became Foster's first test victim.

Cook sent back Lance Cairns and Chatfield to finish with a match haul of eight for 125.

New Zealand, who bounced back from a 189-run defeat in the opening game of the series at the Oval to gain their first-ever test win in England, by five wickets at Leeds, believe they can repeat the success in the final match starting in Nottingham on August 25.

Howarth said: "We can't win square the series. I think a little bit of the rub of the green went England's way in this match. We had it at Leeds and England had it here."

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Saudi spending falls

BAHRAIN (R) — Saudi Arabian government spending in the first four months of its current financial year was running six per cent lower than a year earlier, Finance and National Economy Minister Mohammad Ali Abul Khail said Sunday.

The minister, quoted by the official Saudi Press Agency, said government expenditure fell six per cent to 69.21 billion riyals (\$20 billion) in the period from April 14, the start of the new financial year, to Aug. 8.

The Saudi budget for the current financial year projected a deficit of 35 billion riyals (\$10 billion), based on government spending of 260 billion (\$75 billion) and receipts of 225 billion riyals (\$65 billion).

The last financial year's budget was roughly balanced, with spending at about 243 billion riyals (\$70 billion).

The report gave no indication of government revenues in the first part of the year.

Sheikh Mohammad said the country's imports of food and raw materials in the period were 47.65 billion riyals (\$13.7 million), little changed from last year.

But money supply, M-1, which includes currency and current account deposits, stood 10.6 per cent higher than it did a year earlier, he was quoted as saying.

The total assets of commercial banks rose 8.5 per cent in the year to mid-July to 133.35 billion riyals (\$38.3 billion), while local deposits grew eight per cent to 102.83 billion riyals (\$29.8 billion), the minister said.

Loans extended by the banks increased 11 per cent to 55.15 billion riyals (\$16 billion).

U.S. bank chairman predicts lower interest

WASHINGTON (R) — The head of a major U.S. commercial bank predicted Sunday that interest rates would be slightly lower by the end of this year but said there could be no real downward trend until U.S. budget deficits were cut.

Chemical Bank Chairman David Platten said in a television interview he shared Treasury Secretary Donald Regan's view that the prime interest rate which banks charge their most creditworthy business customers will be lower by the end of the year.

Mr. Regan first made his projection when the prime rate was at 10.5 per cent.

Last week major U.S. banks, including Chemical, which is the nation's sixth largest, boosted their prime rates to 11 per cent, the highest level in nearly six months.

Mr. Platten said any real hope of a permanent trend toward lower interest rates rests on convincing financial markets that progress is being made to reduce deficits.

"When the market starts to feel that the administration and the Congress are starting to attack the budget deficits in a very serious manner and with some hope of success, then I think you'll see a pause in interest rates going up and perhaps a trend starting downward," he said.

Mr. Platten said he expects the U.S. economic recovery to reach its peak shortly, but said there will be measurable growth for the rest of this year and into 1984.

The Chemical Bank chief said a temporary rise in interest rates would not endanger the recovery, and he defended last week's increase in the prime rate as necessary for banks to cover their own costs of obtaining funds.

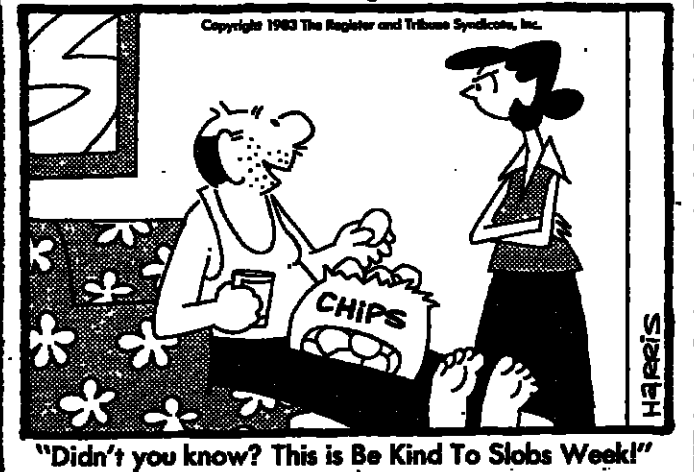
Mr. Platten also defended Chemical Bank's handling of the default by the Washington Public Power Supply System (WPPSS) on \$2.25 billion in municipal bonds, the largest municipal bond default in U.S. history.

The bank, which is the trustee for the bonds, is now suing the WPPSS board of directors to try and recover some of the money for an estimated 100,000 investors.

Mr. Platten said that while Chemical was taking its initial legal action against the WPPSS board, this did not preclude action later against underwriters of the bonds.

He acknowledged there may have been a problem with underwriters selling the bonds at the same time they were expressing worries about WPPSS' ability to complete the nuclear power projects the bonds were used to finance.

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Takeover bid made for Australia's BHP

SYDNEY (R) — Australian millionaire Robert Holmes a'Court Monday launched a surprise takeover bid for Australia's largest public company, Broken Hill Proprietary (BHP) Limited, whose interests include mining, oil-drilling and steel-making.

The bid for BHP, itself involved in a multi-billion-dollar takeover for part of America's Utah International Mining Group, was made on behalf of a company one-hundredth its size.

But BHP chairman Sir James McNeill said he could not understand the intentions behind a takeover bid for his company.

He was commenting on a share offer bid for BHP by Wignores Limited, which has the franchise in western Australia for Caterpillar heavy earthmoving equipment.

"I have had no communications from Wignores and am at a loss to understand what the intentions may be," Sir James said in a statement.

Wignores was taken over only last Friday by Australia's Bell Group, which Holmes a'Court has built up into a varied transport, engineering, manufacturing and media conglomerate valued at 175 million dollars (\$152 million).

Sir James said he did not know what Wignores could offer BHP.

He said Wignores was offering two of its shares, worth a total \$12, for every one share in BHP.

This put a paper value on BHP's 343.4 million shares of 4.13 billion Australian dollars (\$3.6 billion).

"It is a simple bid without condition that we can carry through," he said.

Holmes a'Court, Perth-based but South African-born, has been involved in a number of well-publicised takeover battles, including unsuccessful bids for the Times of London and Rolls-Royce Motors and a long and victorious fight for Britain's Associated Communications Corporation (ACC).

Frequently he has failed to gain control of a contested company but has reaped a large profit by selling his holding in it. But neither the Bell Group, Wignores nor Holmes a'Court apparently has any shares in BHP.

Kuwait oil output runs below OPEC quota

KUWAIT (R) — Kuwaiti crude oil production is running at 900,000 barrels a day, below its OPEC (Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries) quota of 1,050 million barrels, the Kuwait news agency (Kuna) said Monday.

The agency, quoting official sources, said the oil was being sold at the official Kuwaiti price of \$27.30 a barrel.

Oil industry sources have said that Kuwait and Iraq could be the only two OPEC countries producing below quota.

Traffic output has been sharply hit by its 35-month-old war with Iran, and the sources said potential buyers of Kuwaiti oil have been deterred by the premiums charged on it.

OPEC set an output ceiling of 17.5 million barrels a day at its London meeting in March and reaffirmed it in Helsinki last month.

Many oil analysts believe OPEC output is running above the ceiling, largely because of a rise in Saudi Arabian production.

Kuna also said Kuwait's Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) output was running at 1.2 million tonnes a year.

Earlier this month Kuwait lowered LPG prices to \$270 a tonne from \$283, in line with other gas producers, effective Aug. 1.

Colombo asks industry to use displaced workers

COLOMBO (R) — The Sri Lankan government, trying to repair the economic damage caused by last month's ethnic riots, urged industrialists Monday to give temporary jobs to thousands of people thrown out of work by the violence.

Labour Minister C.P.J. Senewiratne told businessmen about 70 factories in and around Colombo had been destroyed or damaged in the violence, making 14,000 workers jobless.

Of these, 7,000 worked in factories making clothes and textiles for export.

More than 380 people died there when mobs attacked property belonging to minority Tamils after separatist guerrillas killed 13 soldiers on July 23.

Mr. Senewiratne asked industrialists whose factories were not affected to give temporary work to the jobless.

He said the damaged factories would be repaired and operating within eight months and the employees would then return to their former jobs.

Mutt 'n' Jeff



Andy Capp



Concern rises over 'super bull'

NEW YORK (R) — One year ago the New York stock market was nobody's darling as the depressed economy, high interest rates and increasing business failures placed it among the least attractive of investments.

Then suddenly last August, the tide began to change.

Over the next 10 months, investors racked up billions of dollars in profits and the paper value of corporations rose phenomenally in one of the most spectacular stock price surges ever seen.

Affectionately called "super bull" by the traders who reaped its benefits, the rally pushed the Dow Jones industrial average, the most widely followed indicator, from 776.92 on Aug. 12 last year to a record 1248.30 on June 16, 1983.

The index currently stands slightly lower at around 1182, after the redjockey by some investors over the past month or so of old worries about interest rates and the economy.

But the only serious market concern now is that the recovery may be too robust.

Investors fear that too-fast business growth could handicap the stock market by pushing interest rates higher and crowding many corporations out of the credit markets.

Higher interest rates could also lure investors away from equities and towards the lower risk bond and money markets, analysts said.

Over the past year the market appeared immune to bad news.

In the second half of 1982 alone, 306 New York stock exchange-listed issues rose in price by 50 per cent or more.

There were also 92 issues which gained between 40 and 50 per cent, 203 rose by 30 to 40 per cent and 370 appreciated by between 10 and 30 per cent.

Declines were much less common. Just 32 issues fell by 50 per cent or more and only 500 issues lost at all.

Mr. Monte Gordon, vice-president and director of research at the brokers Dreyfus and Company, said the most surprising aspect of the "bull market" was its intensity over the first 10 months of the past year.

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) — Share prices closed very firm as Wall Street stocks moved sharply higher, dealers said.

The market's very firm tone stemmed from a smaller than expected increase in U.S. money supply M1 announced Friday, which prompted expectations Wall Street stocks would advance strongly Monday, dealers said.

At 1500 the F.T. index was at 732.1, up 10 points despite several stocks being quoted ex-dividend, and just below the high of 732.6 reached at 1500 on June 21.

Government bonds ended firmer by as much as 1½ points, just below the day's highs.

Among leading equities, B.P. gained 12p at 452, BTR rose 15p at 554, P and O was up 10p at 215 and Glaxo added 30p at 920. Despite the strong gains, dealers described trade as only moderate, however.

In motor vehicles, state controlled B.L. was active. The shares gained 13p at 62 in a very thin market after touching a high of 80 amid rumours the company may sell off profitable divisions such as Jaguar.

Australian miner BHP rose 28p to 640 after the bid from Robert Holmes a'Court's Wignores Ltd.

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Monday.

One sterling	1.4905/15	U.S. dollars
One U.S. dollar	1.2342/45	Canadian dollars
	2.7110/20	West German marks
	3.0485/95	Dutch guilders
	2.1705/15	Swiss francs
	54.25/30	Belgian francs
	8.1600/30	French francs
	1605.00/1606.00	Italian lire
	246.28/246.38	Japanese yen
	7.9525/75	Swedish crowns
	7.5525/75	Norwegian crowns
	9.8150/8200	Danish crowns
One ounce of gold	411.70/412.20	U.S. dollars

"It was triggered by a conviction that the Federal Reserve would shift to a more accommodative monetary stance," Mr. Gordon said.

When the Federal Reserve (Central Bank) created an environment of lower interest rates and fast corporate growth, companies took advantage of the renewed interest in the equities market to issue a record number of new securities to eager investors.

More private companies than ever before decided to tap the public market.

There were 534 initial public offerings, which have raised \$8.4 billion since the middle of last year, according to Going Public, a newsletter that records corporate offerings.

Mr. Stanley Nabi, a partner in the investment firm Lazard Freres and Company, said stock prices over the past year moved a little ahead of generally the economy has to catch up with the stock market," he said.

Law to settle Kuwait stock market debts become effective

KUWAIT (R) — A government bill aimed at settling billions of dollars of debts from last year's Kuwait stock market crash became law Monday.

The bill was approved by the country's national assembly last Thursday after a three-day debate and ratified by the cabinet Sunday night.

It calls for settlement of debts from stock market deals at the market price at the time of the transactions plus a premium of no more than 25 per cent.

The government said the new law would help reduce the number of potential bankruptcies.

The share crisis arose from forward dealing in shares, mostly on the unofficial Souq Al Manakh exchange, through post-dated cheques which included massive premiums over prevailing market prices.

The market collapsed last summer after a number of cheques falling due failed to be honoured.

Unofficial estimates put gross debts at over \$90 billion and the government has already paid out 500 million dinars (\$1.7 billion) to reimburse small investors for their losses.

But government efforts to resolve the problems of debts between major speculators foundered because of the difficulty of unravelling an enormous web of interlocking claims.

Under the new law all debts are considered due from Monday. Commerce and Industry Minister Jassim Al Marzuqi called on all those involved to settle differences as soon as possible to avoid punishment by a court of arbitration set up to handle claims.

Dollar recoups losses

LONDON (R) — The dollar opened in Europe sharply below last week's closing rates, but above levels touched on Friday night in New York.

Foreign exchange dealers both in Europe and the Far East took the view that the fall in the dollar in New York was exaggerated.

The U.S. currency opened in Frankfurt at 2.7020 West German marks, nearly 2½ pfennigs below last week's closing level there but above a late 2.6975 in New York on Friday.

Early European trading took the dollar back above 2.71 marks, although it recorded only fractional gains against the Swiss franc.

The dollar soared to record levels against many other currencies last week, but fell back sharply on Friday's news of an unexpectedly low rise in U.S. money supply.

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